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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

4. (Amended) The cell according to claim 1 or 2 having, in the genome thereof, a promoter, a recognition sequence of recombinase FLP, a stuffer sequence, a recognition sequence of recombinase FLP, and the recombinase Cre gene sequence in this order from upstream.

5. (Amended) The cell according to claim 4 wherein the promoter is a hybrid promoter (CAG promoter) comprising a cytomegalovirus enhancer, a chicken β -actin promoter, a splicing acceptor and poly(A) sequence of rabbit β -globin.

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